Imposition of Anganwadi Tax

700. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Standing Committee of Parliament on Human Resource Development has suggested imposition of 'Anganwadi tax' to mop up revenue for efficient functioning of aganwadis;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the proposal has been taken up with the Ministry of Finance;

(d) if so, the reaction thereto; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) While the Standing Committee of Parliament on Human Resource Development has not made any such suggestion, the Rajya Sabha Committee on Petitions, in its 129th Report, has recommended imposition of "Anganwadi Cess", to be absorb some of the additional expenses arising on account of further expansion of the ICDS Scheme.

(c) to (e) The recommendation of the Committee on Petitions is under consideration.

Amount Released Under ICDS in A.P.

701. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have released the amount under the ICDS to Andhra Pradesh during the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount utilized by each Anganwadi Kendra in each district and for what purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and